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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with DCI and DDCI

I had three topics to raise:

--OCA has prepared a bill of particulars for discussion at the staff level on the Hill.

--We would like to continue pushing informal contacts between top Agency officers and Members.

--We will probably ask for the DCI's help in arranging some speakers for our off site conference. He thought Bill Timmons would be a good choice.

In a long discuss about the growing number of staff and Member briefings required of the Agency, the DCI focused on the problem of siphoning off resources from analysis and operations. As a remedy, he and the DDCI decided that starting immediately OCA should itself do routine briefings for staff and Members on subjects where written briefs were available, could be cannibalized from publications or could be quickly pulled together by analysts.

--This is an important departure. It can reduce the number of analyst briefings on the Hill and concurrently make OCA's work more productive and challenging.

--However, we should approach this in a gingerly fashion. Initially, I would ask that House and Senate Divisions keep me advised of which briefings they wish to do themselves and which require expert analysts.

In discussing our bill of particulars, the DCI asked that we make it as nearly mandatory as possible that staff briefings occur at CIA rather than on the Hill. In the context of the previous paragraph, I take this to mean that when analysts are doing a briefing, it should take place at Headquarters. When OCA is doing the briefing, it should be our option as to whether staff come here or we go there. In most cases, I would prefer to go the Hill, since we want OCA officers meeting with staff on the Hill as much as possible.

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I raised three points about DCI-DDCI appearances and testimony. The process of preparing testimony is disorganized, and as a result, the DCI's testimony often lacked the upbeat, forward looking quality that we want. Second, in Community hearings the DCI and DDCI, after presenting the Community viewpoint, should leave--as other Cabinet level officers do--rather than sit through the testimony of other Agency heads. Third, there are some instances where the DCI is appearing when the DDCI would be the more appropriate officer.

In closing the DCI asked whether some of the letters we send him for signature were not taking too long to prepare. I agreed but said we were improving.



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